

**CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA)
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Only for Continuation or Divisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(d))

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Attorney Docket No. of Prior Application 003401.P002D7D1
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This is a request for a continuation or divisional under 37 CFR 1.53(d)
(continuation prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application No: 09/295/296-295,269
filed on April 20, 1999, entitled TIP STRUCTURES

If the Patent and Trademark Office determines that this request under 37 CFR 1.53(d) is improper, the Office is requested to treat this CPA as a request for continued examination of the above identified application under 37 CFR 1.114.

NOTES

FILING QUALIFICATIONS: The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 CFR 1.51(b), or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371. Effective May 29, 2000, a CPA may only be filed in a utility or a plant application if the prior nonprovisional application was filed before May 29, 2000. A CPA may be filed in a design application regardless of the filing date of the prior application. See "Request for Continued Examination Practice changes to and Provisional Application practice," Final rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. office (Apr. 11, 2000).

C-I-P NOT PERMITTED: A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 CFR 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 CFR 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

ACCESS TO PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA will be construed to include a waiver of confidentiality by the applicant under 35 U.S.C. 122 to the extent that any member of the public who is entitled under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.14 to access to, copies of, or information concerning, the prior application may be given similar access to, copies of, or similar information concerning, the other application or applications in the file jacket.

35 U.S.C. 120 STATEMENT: In a CPA, no reference to the prior application is needed in the first sentence of the specification and none should be submitted. If a sentence referencing the prior application is submitted, it will not be entered. A request for a CPA is the specific reference required by 35 U.S.C. 120 and to every application assigned the application number identified in such request, 37 CFR 1.78(a).

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1. Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on _____ under 37 CFR 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.

2. A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

3. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.53(d)(4).
a. **DELETE** the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:

b. The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.

4. A new power of attorney or authorization of agent (PTO/SB/81) is enclosed.

5. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed:
a. PTO - 1449
b. Copies of IDS Citations

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CLAIMS

(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) CALCULATIONS
Total Claims (37 CFR 1.16(c) or (j))	<u>41</u>	<u>21</u>	X \$ <u>18.00</u>	\$ <u>378.00</u>
Independent Claims (37 CFR 1.16(b) or (j))	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	X \$ _____	\$ _____
Multiple Dependent Claims (if applicable) (37 CFR 1.16(d))			+ \$ _____	\$ _____
			BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))	\$ <u>740.00</u>
			Total of above Calculations	= \$ <u>378.00</u>
			Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 CFR 1.27).	\$ _____

* Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent.

** Reissue independent claims over original patent.

TOTAL = \$ 1,118.00

6. _____ Small entity status: Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

7. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

- Fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.
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8. A check in the amount of \$ 1,118.00 is enclosed.

9. _____ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

10. _____ Applicant requests suspension of action under 37 CFR 1.103(b) for a period of _____ months (not to exceed 3 months) and the fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) is enclosed.

11. _____ New Attorney Docket Number, if desired _____
(Prior application Attorney Docket Number will carryover to this CPA unless a new Attorney Docket Number has been provided herein.)

12. a. _____ Receipt for Facsimile Transmitted CPA (PTO/SB/29A)
b. Return Receipt Postcard (Should be specially itemized, See MPEP 503)

13. _____ **Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent. (Reminder: First investigate foreign filing question).**

14. Other: _____ Copy of postcard with Certificate of Express Mailing pursuant to C.F.R. §1.10.

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The following has been received in the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office on the date stamped hereon:

Amendment/Response (____ pgs.) Express Mail No.: EL867636555US Check No. 51376
 Appeal Brief (____ pgs.) (in triplicate) Month(s) Extension of Time Amt: \$1,118.00
 Application - Utility (____ pgs., with cover and abstract) Information Disclosure Statement & PTO-1449 (____ pgs.) Check No. _____
 Application - Rule 1.53(b) Continuation (____ pgs.) Issue Fee Transmittal Amt: _____
 Application - Rule 1.53(b) Divisional (____ pgs.) Notice of Appeal
 Application - Rule 1.53(b) CIP (____ pgs.) Petition for Extension of Time
 Application - Rule 1.53(d) CPA Transmittal (____ pgs.) Petition for _____
 Application - Design (____ pgs.) Postcard
 Application - PCT (____ pgs.) Power of Attorney (____ pgs.)
 Application - Provisional (____ pgs.) Preliminary Amendment (____ pgs.)
 Assignment and Cover Sheet Reply Brief (____ pgs.)
 Certificate of Mailing Response to Notice of Missing Parts
 Declaration & POA (____ pgs.) Small Entity Declaration for Indep. Inventor/Small Business
 Disclosure Docs & Orig & Copy of Inventor's Signed Letter (____ pgs.) Transmittal Letter, in duplicate
 Drawings: ____ # of sheets includes ____ figures Fee Transmittal, in duplicate

Other: Copies of IDS' filed on August 11, 2000, and September 14, 2001 with copies of postcards. Copy of postcard with Certificate of Express Mailing pursuant to C.F.R. §1.10.